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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6197

BILL NUMBER: SB 63

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 5, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Mar 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Railroad Corridors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Landske

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Duncan

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill:

(1) allows the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to acquire a railroad's interest in a railroad corridor without approval from the Transportation Corridor Planning Board (Board);
(2) requires the INDOT to contact railroad owners concerning corridors that the owners may abandon;
(3) requires the INDOT in consultation with affected agencies, to prepare a list of corridors for preservation;
(4) requires the INDOT hold one public meeting in a county through which the corridor passes. (Current law requires the department to hold one public meeting in each county through which the corridor passes.); and
(5) deletes the requirement that the Board hold a public meeting to consider a recommendation by the INDOT that the state acquire a railroad's interest in a corridor proposed to be abandoned.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Part 1* may reduce actual INDOT expenditures for a corridor.

(Revised) Part 2 will add time, travel and perhaps per diem expenditures if the meetings are held outside of Indianapolis.

(Revised) Part 3 will require printing and distribution, but any related expenditures should be minimal.

(Revised) Part 4 will reduce expenditures since current law requires a meeting in each affected county. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund.

(Revised) Part 5 will reduce expenditures associated with the Board. The fund affected in all instances is the State Highway Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Those units located in or near a corridor.

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